

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 16, 2008. Claims 72 to 82 are in the application, of which Claims 72, 81 and 82 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action had entered a rejection of all claims based on art, including the following: U.S. Patent 5,920,342 (Umeda), U.S. Patent 6,522,354 (Kawamura), U.S. Patent 5,943,050 (Bullock), U.S. Patent 5,706,097 (Schelling), European 738,076 (Sasaki), and European 660,485 (Tokano).

In response, all claims have been cancelled, and new Claims 72 to 82 substituted therefor. Cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, which is therefore respectfully traversed. New Claims 72 to 82 are believed to recite subject matter patentable over the applied art, as discussed in greater detail below.

As set out in the claims herein, an information processing apparatus is disconnectably connectable to a digital camera via a connection interface to the digital camera. One or more thumbnails are received of image data stored in a storage medium of the digital camera, and the thumbnails are received automatically after the information processing apparatus connects to the digital camera. Counterpart image data is also received from the digital camera. The received thumbnails are displayed as a list in a display unit, wherein the list of received thumbnails is displayed in the same window of the

display unit as an instruction button. The received image data is uploaded via the internet. The instruction button is for a user to instruct start of uploading of the image data.

It is therefore one feature of the claims herein that a list of images stored inside a digital camera, and an instruction button for instructing upload to the internet, are both displayed in the same display window of a display unit.

The art applied against the now-cancelled claims is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the foregoing feature set out in the claims herein. Kawamura describes transmission of an image photographed by an electronic camera by using telephone. However, Kawamura is not seen to disclose the display of received thumbnails as a list in a display unit. It logically follows, therefore, that Kawamura also does not disclose or suggest that such a list of received thumbnails is displayed in the same display unit as an instruction button which a user can use to instruct start of uploading of the image data.

Bullock describes a system where an image capture device and a computer are interconnected. In pertinent part, Bullock describes the display of image data of the image capture device in a display of a computer and, at the same time, the display of a menu for performing processing of the image.

However, as understood by Applicants herein, Bullock's menu does not provide any instruction button which a user can use to instruct start of uploading of image data to the internet. Rather, the menu displayed by Bullock is seen to pertain strictly to image processing functions, all of which are carried out inside the computer, and which are unrelated to upload of the image data to the internet.

The remaining documents applied against the now cancelled claims have all been reviewed, but are likewise seen as deficient in their failure to disclose or to suggest the display of received thumbnails as a list in a display unit, wherein the list of received thumbnails is displayed in the same window of the display unit as an instruction button by which a user can instruct start of uploading of image data to the internet.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims herein recite subject matter that is neither anticipated nor would have been obvious over the applied art of record, and allowance is respectfully requested.

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